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In re application of:

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PROGNOSTIC INDICATOR FOR  
CANCERS

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and  
§1.98

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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